



FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Agency information collection activities: Announcement of Board approval under delegated authority and submission to OMB

AGENCY: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

SUMMARY: The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Board) is adopting a proposal to extend for three years, without revision, the Government Securities Dealers Reports (FR 2004; OMB No. 7100-0003) and a proposal to extend for three years, with revision, the voluntary Weekly Report of Selected Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Chartered Commercial Banks and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FR 2644; OMB No. 7100-0075). The FR 2644 revisions are effective as of January 3, 2018.

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Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, without revision, of the following report:

Report title: The Government Securities Dealers Reports: Weekly Report of Dealer Positions (FR 2004A), Weekly Report of Cumulative Dealer Transactions (FR 2004B), Weekly Report of Dealer Financing and Fails (FR 2004C), Weekly Report of Specific Issues (FR 2004SI), Daily Report of Specific Issues (FR 2004SD), Supplement to the Daily Report of Specific Issues (FR 2004SD ad hoc), Daily Report of Dealer Activity in Treasury Financing (FR 2004WI), Settlement Cycle Report of Dealer Fails and Transaction Volumes: Class A (FR 2004FA), Settlement Cycle Report of Dealer Fails and Transaction Volumes: Class B (FR 2004FB), Settlement Cycle Report of Dealer Fails and Transaction Volumes: Class C (FR 2004FC), and Settlement Cycle Report of Dealer Fails and Transaction Volumes (FR 2004FM).

Agency form number: FR 2004.

OMB control number: 7100-0003.

Frequency: Weekly, daily, monthly.

Respondents: Dealers in the U.S. government securities market.

Estimated number of respondents: 23.

Estimated average hours per response: FR 2004A, 3.0 hours; FR 2004B, 3.7 hours; FR 2004C, 3.1 hours; FR 2004SI, 2.2 hours; FR 2004SD, 2.2 hours; FR 2004SD ad hoc, 2.0 hours; FR 2004WI, 1.0 hour; FR 2004FA, 1.0 hour; FR 2004FB, 1.0 hour; FR 2004FC, 1.0 hour; FR 2004FM, 1.5 hours.

Estimated annual burden hours: FR 2004A, 3,588 hours; FR 2004B, 4,425 hours; FR 2004C, 3,708 hours; FR 2004SI, 2,631 hours; FR 2004SD, 1,265 hours; FR 2004SD ad hoc, 1,196 hours; FR 2004WI, 3,680 hours; FR 2004FA, 276 hours; FR 2004FB, 276 hours; FR 2004FC, 276 hours; FR 2004FM, 414 hours.

General description of report: The Federal Reserve Bank of New York, on behalf of the Federal Reserve System, collects data from primary dealers in the U.S. government securities market. Filing of these data is required to obtain the benefit of primary dealer status. The Federal Reserve uses these data to (1) monitor the condition of the U.S. government securities market in its Treasury market surveillance and analysis of the market and to (2) assist and support the U.S. Department of the Treasury in its role as fiscal agent for Treasury financing operations. In addition, these data are helpful in the analysis of broad financial conditions and a range of financial stability issues.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: This information collection is authorized by sections 2A, 12A(c), 14, and 15 of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 225a, 263c, 353-359, and 391) and is required to obtain or retain the benefit of dealer status. Individual respondent data are regarded as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (b)(8)).

Current actions: On July 6, 2017, the Board published a notice in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 31327) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, without revision, of the FR 2004. The comment period for this notice expired on September 5, 2017. The Board did not receive any comments. The information collection will be extended as proposed.

Final approval under OMB delegated authority of the extension for three years, with revision, of the following report:

Report title: Weekly Report of Selected Assets and Liabilities of Domestically Chartered Commercial Banks and U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks.

Agency form number: FR 2644.

OMB control number: 7100-0075.

Effective Date: January 3, 2018.

Frequency: Weekly.

Respondents: Domestically chartered commercial banks and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks.

Estimated number of respondents: 875.

Estimated average hours per response: 2.35 hours.

Estimated annual burden hours: 106,925 hours.

General description of report: The FR 2644 is a balance sheet report that is collected as of each Wednesday from an authorized stratified sample of 875 domestically chartered commercial banks and U.S. branches and agencies of foreign banks. The FR 2644 is the only source of high-frequency data used in the analysis of current banking developments. The FR 2644 collects sample data that are used to estimate universe levels using data

from the quarterly commercial bank Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income (FFIEC 031, FFIEC 041, and FFIEC 051; OMB No. 7100-0036) and the Report of Assets and Liabilities of U.S. Branches and Agencies of Foreign Banks (FFIEC 002; OMB No. 7100-0032) (Call Reports). Data from the FR 2644, together with data from other sources, are used to construct weekly estimates of bank credit, balance sheet data for the U.S. banking industry, sources and uses of banks' funds, and to analyze current banking and monetary developments. The Board publishes the data in aggregate form in the weekly H.8 statistical release, *Assets and Liabilities of Commercial Banks in the United States*, which is followed closely by other government agencies, the banking industry, the financial press, and other users. The H.8 release provides a balance sheet for the banking industry as a whole and data disaggregated by its large domestic, small domestic, and foreign-related bank components.

Legal authorization and confidentiality: The FR 2644 is authorized by section 2A and 11(a)(2) of the Federal Reserve Act (12 U.S.C. 225(a) and 248(a)(2)) and by section 7(c)(2) of the International Banking Act (12 U.S.C. 3105(c)(2)) and is voluntary. Individual respondent data are regarded as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)).

Current actions: On July 6, 2017, the Board published a notice in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 31327) requesting public comment for 60 days on the extension, with revision, of the FR 2466. The Board proposed several revisions to simplify and reduce the overall reporting burden associated with the FR 2644 report. The proposed FR 2644 reporting form would consist of 29 balance-sheet items and 2 memoranda items, an overall reduction of six data items. The comment period for this notice expired on September 5,

2017. The Board did not receive any comments. The revisions will be implemented as proposed.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 19, 2017.

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